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| Title: | METHOD OF PRODUCING RAW SAUSAGE, COMPRISING AN ACCELERATED MATURING PROCESS | | |

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As to the non-patent literature references cited on the enclosed form, the following English language comments are provided for the Examiner's consideration:

1. Fleischverarbeitung (Meat Processing): For quick curing of raw sausages, a *Lactobacillus sakei*-containing starter culture is offered by the firm Chr. Hansen GmbH of Pohlheim under the Trademark Bactoform F-BR-18™, which can be used over a wide temperature spectrum. The culture is equally reliable in low and medium temperature ranges. Bactoform F-BR-18™ combines a short lag phase and a quick pH lowering with positive fermentation features.

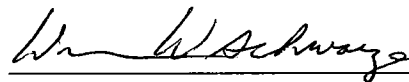
2. Schlegel, *Allgemeine Mikrobiologie* (General Microbiology): Milk Acid Fermentation and Lacto Bacteria. In contrast to the likewise lactate producing entero-bacteria, the milk acid bacteria are inevitably fermenters. Milk acid bacteria are also to be seen as food conversion agents, which - probably as a result of their specialization on the growth in milk and on other food stuff and supplement rich positions - have lost the ability to synthesize many metabolites.

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